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In New York and Chicago, prices were unchanged. Elsewhere, prices were higher on all sizes when based on previous week values. Trade sentiment was steady to instances fully steady in the Northeast, while all other regions ranged fully steady to firm. Demand into all outlets was light to good. Supplies were adequate to closely balanced for current trade requirements. Breaking stock supplies were tight to adequate for the light to good demand. Light type hens were at least adequate to fully sufficient for normal processing schedules.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Prices slightly higher for all sizes in the Midwest. Other reported prices unchanged. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Both retail and institutional demand were moderate to good. Supplies were adequate to usually close for current trade needs. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Light trading with offerings continuing tight to short of current demand. Buyers needing product are able to secure it for immediate needs. Floor stocks in close balance to short. Schedules mostly full-time. Trade sentiment fully steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	51-58	52-54
LARGE	49-57	51-55
MEDIUM	47-53	50-53

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS

	RANGE
LARGE	34-38
MEDIUM	30-32
SMALL	12-16

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV,western NY, and western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Mostly prices were slightly higher on all sizes when compared to last week's values. The market tone was steady to instances fully steady entering the week. Retail and distributive demand was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate. Breaking stock supplies were occasionally short to mostly adequate for the moderate to good demand. Light type fowl were at least adequate to fully sufficient for normal processing schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	56-69	59-62
LARGE	51-66	58-60
MEDIUM	48-63	54-55

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices were higher for all sizes. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Retail and institutional demand was moderate to good. Supplies were adequate to usually close for current needs.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	59.5-68
LARGE	55.5-64
MEDIUM	51.5-59

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,MO,NM,OK, and TX

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Mostly prices were slightly higher when compared to last week's values. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Demand was usually moderate, best where promotions were in progress or planned. Supplies were adequate to close for needs. Breaking stock supplies were short to adequate for the fair to good demand. Light type fowl were at least adequate to fully adequate for normal processing schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	56.5-64	58-61
LARGE	55-62	56-59
MEDIUM	50.5-58	51-55

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, eastern TN, and southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

NEW YORK Prices entered the week unchanged on all sizes. Trade sentiment was steady to instances fully steady. Demand was light to mostly moderate. Supplies were sufficient for immediate trade needs.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	65-69
LARGE	63-67
MEDIUM	60-64

CHICAGO Prices for all sizes unchanged. Trade sentiment was fully steady. Retail and food service demand was mixed, mostly light to moderate. Supplies ranged from balanced to adequate.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	57-63
LARGE	55-61
MEDIUM	51-57

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WESTERN Prices 4 cents higher on jumbo and extra large, 2 cents higher on large, and 1-2 cents higher on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 12% higher than last Monday with California up 12% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 12%. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings in good balance.

CALIFORNIA Prices 4 cents higher on jumbo and extra large, 2 cents higher on large, medium, and small. The California inventory was 12% higher than last Monday. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings in good balance. Small benchmark price 66. Ads in Northern California: major- large dozen 99, buy 1 get 1 free, 18 pack buy 1 get 1 free; smaller outlets- large dozen 89.

California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	101
EXTRA LARGE	97
LARGE	91
MEDIUM	86

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	259-339	JUMBO	255-339
EXTRA LARGE	249-319	EXTRA LARGE	239-269
LARGE	209-229	LARGE	215-259
MEDIUM	179-199	MEDIUM	189-215

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending May 23, 2003 will increase by 7 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending May 16, 2003 were 207,746 cases which was 5 percent below the prior week and 6 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	163,947	43,799	207,746
% change from the prior week.....	-9	+13	-5

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 15 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Prices were unchanged. Light trading with offerings continuing tight to short of current demand. Buyers needing product are able to secure product for immediate needs. Floor stocks in close balance to short. Schedules mostly full-time. Trade sentiment fully steady.

PRICES PAID TO 11:00 AM, MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	
NEST RUN	37-40	37-39
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	23-28	
CENTRAL STATES AREA:		
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI		

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair at best for the at least adequate to fully adequate offerings. Movement of finished product was mostly fair to moderate. Processing schedules were normal to instances heavy. The undertone was steady. HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)* FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 19-MAY-03

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5-9.5 CENTS/LB.	8-8.5	8.17
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.			

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were generally unchanged from the past week. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Finished sales were fair with schedules sufficient for needs. Trade sentiment was about steady. HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)* FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 19-MAY-03

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6-11 CENTS/LB.	8-9	8.55
*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.			

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM MAY 19, 2003

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		No	So	So	5-Area	
	Northeast	Cent	Cent	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	9.6	11.7	5.3	8.6	11.6
	Change	0.8	-0.8	-1.2	-0.8	0.3
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	22.2	40.4	9.9	17.3	29.3
	Change	0.2	-10.6	-2.9	-2.4	3.6
Large	Curr Wk	49.9	80.4	65.1	73.4	82.5
	Change	1.5	-14.6	0.2	-7.8	9.9
Medium	Curr Wk	11.8	40.6	17.3	26.8	37.5
	Change	0.4	2.6	-0.8	0.5	8.1
Small	Curr Wk	3.9	5.7	3.5	7.6	5.3
	Change	1.5	0.1	1.4	-0.8	-2.3
Misc	Curr Wk	5.0	22.4	8.9	12.6	6.1
	Change	0.7	1.0	1.9	0.8	0.2
Ungraded	Curr Wk	11.2	21.9	18.3	27.2	27.1
	Change	2.1	-17.4	1.1	0.8	1.1
Total	Curr Wk	113.6	223.1	128.3	173.5	199.4
Percent	Change	7%	-15%	0%	-5%	12%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	837.9	-3%	174
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	251.8	-9%	36
Total Shell Egg	1089.7	-4%	210

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 174 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

CANADIAN EGGS MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 05, 2003

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	195.2	192.1	183.1	114.6

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING MAY 05, 2003 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	151	151	141	77

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — DAILY WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR MAY 16 2003

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS								TOTAL LOADS							
7.00								22.50								29.50							
		SE		NE		MW		LOADS				SC		NW		SW		LOADS					
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST							
GL W XL	—	—	50.00	52.00	51.00	—	3.50	GL W XL	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	61.00	1.50						
GL W LG	—	—	46.00	47.00	48.00	—	4.75	GL W LG	49.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	57.00	2.75						
GL W MD	—	—	45.00	47.00	—	—	1.25	GL W MD	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	.25						
GL W SM	—	—	30.50	32.00	—	—	1.00																
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	18.00																

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 05/10/03-05/16/03

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS								TOTAL LOADS							
105.25								39.25								144.50							
SE		NE		MW				SC		NW		MW											
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS								
LOADS																							
GNR W XL	—	—	—	—	—	40.00	3.00	GNR W XL	37.00	—	—	—	—	—	3.00								
GNR W 1	—	40.75	37.83	39.00	38.50	40.10	13.00	GNR W 1	37.00	40.00	—	—	—	48.50	7.00								
GNR W 2	—	39.00	—	—	—	—	2.00	GNR W 2	36.00	—	—	—	—	—	2.00								
GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	22.50	25.00	2.00	GL W J	58.00	—	—	—	—	63.05	3.25								
GNR BR 1	—	—	51.50	53.00	—	55.00	3.00	GL W XL	50.50	52.00	—	—	—	56.89	21.00								
GL W J	—	—	57.50	59.00	52.00	—	3.75	GL W LG	46.87	50.62	—	—	—	54.74	32.25								
GL W XL	42.00	46.54	49.44	50.00	47.95	45.89	47.75	GL W MD	42.75	—	—	—	—	49.33	9.00								
GL W LG	42.00	47.32	44.65	46.43	44.98	44.25	34.75	GL BR LG	—	65.00	—	—	—	—	1.00								
GL W MD	—	42.00	45.00	46.83	40.33	44.25	7.50	NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00								
GL W SM	30.38	32.38	30.00	32.38	—	—	6.00																
GL BR LG	—	—	55.00	—	—	—	1.00																
NRBS - 50	—	—	32.00	34.00	—	—	.25																
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	39.05	39.00																
NRBS - 45	—	—	24.00	26.00	—	—	.50																
NRBS - 39	—	—	19.00	21.00	—	27.50	1.75																

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	05/12/03	05/05/03	05/13/02
PACIFIC COAST	243	175	565
LOS ANGELES	195	114	530

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS The market is steady on smalls and higher on the balance. The supply is adequate to meet the moderate demand.

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MOSTLY	
EXTRA LARGE	76.19
LARGE	72.88
MEDIUM	69.04
SMALL	54.27

HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS

Receipts from the mainland: 05/04/03-05/10/03
30-dozen case **UNAVAILABLE**

Receipts from the mainland: 04/27/03-05/03/03
30-dozen case **UNAVAILABLE**

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OUT OF STATE EGGS - STATE COMPILATION

Report Date: 5/08/2003

Report Period: 4/27/2003 - 5/03/2003

State	# Cases Shipped to	# Cases Shipped to	# Cases shipped to	Total State
	Northern California	Central California	Southern California	
Arkansas	0	0	0	0
Colorado	800	1,100	8,543	10,443
Illinois	0	0	916	916
Iowa	4,920	14,310	57,202	76,432
Maine	0	0	1,560	1,560
Minnesota	2,047	3,080	20,288	25,415
Mississippi	0	0	1,654	1,654
Missouri	0	0	6,416	6,416
Montana	0	0	870	870
North Carolina	0	0	4,264	4,264
Ohio	0	830	5,636	6,466
Oregon	1,937	0	0	1,937
Texas	0	0	8,020	8,020
Utah	0	1,440	7,320	8,760
Virginia	0	0	660	660
Washington	0	281	0	281
Wisconsin	0	0	3,090	3,090
TOTAL	9,704	21,041	126,439	157,184
SHIPPED TO MILITARY	0	0	0	0
SHIPPED TO NONMILITARY	9,704	21,041	126,439	157,184

Report Date: 5/15/2003

Report Period: 5/04/2003 - 5/10/2003

State	# Cases Shipped to	# Cases Shipped to	# Cases shipped to	Total State
	Northern California	Central California	Southern California	
Arizona	768	0	2,915	3,683
Colorado	0	3,540	6,286	9,826
Georgia	0	0	869	869
Idaho	0	0	942	942
Indiana	0	0	2,010	2,010
Iowa	7,905	8,054	43,394	59,353
Minnesota	1,560	2,250	17,373	21,183
Missouri	0	0	5,564	5,564
Montana	0	0	1,640	1,640
Nevada	0	0	1,922	1,922
North Carolina	0	0	7,380	7,380
Ohio	930	1,460	2,714	5,104
Oregon	4,128	0	0	4,128
Texas	0	1,800	4,820	6,620
Utah	822	2,300	6,915	10,037
Washington	0	576	0	576
TOTAL	16,113	19,980	104,744	140,837
SHIPPED TO MILITARY	0	0	0	0
SHIPPED TO NONMILITARY	16,113	19,980	104,744	140,837

Source: California Department of Food and Agriculture, Egg Quality Control